

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for provisioning resource monitors, the method comprising:
 - providing at least one monitor specification, wherein a monitor specification includes a definition of parameters for a resource monitor, ~~[[and]] wherein the monitor specification includes both a deployment profile specification for deploying the resource monitor and a response profile specification for modifying and removing the resource monitor, wherein the deployment profile specification defines~~ defining a list of parameters that must be defined to deploy ~~[[for]] each instance of the resource monitor that is deployed, and [[a]] wherein the response profile specification defines~~ , defining parameters that are returned by deploying the resource monitor;
 - providing at least one resource specification, wherein a resource specification includes a definition of parameters that must be defined for each instance of a resource, ~~[[and]] wherein the resource is the resource to be monitored, and wherein the resource specification identifies a type of resource monitor to use for monitoring the resource that complies with the resource monitor;~~
 - associating the at least one monitor specification with ~~[[a]] the at least one~~ resource specification to form at least one resource monitor instance configuration profile, wherein at least one instance of the resource monitor is assigned to at least one instance of the resource; ~~[[and]]~~
 - storing the at least one resource monitor instance configuration profile;
 - retrieving a resource monitor instance configuration profile for an instance of a given resource monitor assigned to an instance of a given resource;
 - receiving a selection of the given resource monitor to be provisioned for the instance of the given resource, wherein a monitor configuration profile is defined for the selection of the given resource monitor in association with the resource monitor instance configuration profile;
 - receiving at least one value for a parameter for the given resource monitor, wherein the monitor configuration profile includes the at least one value for a parameter;
 - storing the monitor configuration profile for the given resource monitor in association with the instance of the given resource; and
 - deploying the given resource monitor in accordance with the monitor configuration profile.
- 2.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[4]] 1, wherein receiving at least one value for a parameter for the given resource monitor includes presenting an interface to define parameters for the given resource monitor based on a monitor specification for the given resource monitor.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[6]] 1, wherein deploying the given resource monitor further comprises ~~includes~~:

determining whether manual intervention is required for the given resource monitor based on a value of a parameter in the monitor configuration profile; and

responsive to manual intervention being required for the given resource monitor, interacting with an administrator to receive at least one value for a parameter.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1, wherein deploying the given resource monitor further comprises ~~comprising~~:

storing response parameters and values in [[a]] the response profile specification.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

de-provisioning ~~deprovisioning~~ the given resource monitor using the response parameters and values in the response profile specification.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1, wherein deploying the given resource monitor further comprises ~~comprising~~:

capturing output parameters and values of a monitor deployment and storing them to the response profile specification.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the instance of the given resource is a resource of a type selected from the group consisting of server hardware, network hardware, storage hardware, operating system software, database middleware software, application software, and monitoring software.

12.-25. (Canceled)